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### TIME TABLES.

Time of Arrival and Departure of Trains at Reno.

ARRIVE	TRAIN.	DEPART
8:35 p. m.	SOUTHERN PACIFIC.	
8:35 p. m.	No. 1, Eastbound Express	8:45 p. m.
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8:35 p. m.	VIRGINIA & THURGOOD.	
8:35 p. m.	No. 1, Virginia Express	8:45 p. m.
8:35 p. m.	No. 2, San Fran. Express	8:45 p. m.
8:35 p. m.	No. 3, Local Passenger	1:35 p. m.
8:35 p. m.	No. 4, Local Passenger	1:35 p. m.
8:35 p. m.	Express and Freight	8:40 a. m.
8:35 p. m.	Express and Freight	8:40 a. m.

Time of Arrival and Departure of Mails at Reno.

MAIL	ARRIVES	CLOSES.
San Francisco, Sacramento and points in California and Oregon	8:45 a. m.	8:00 p. m.
Golden, all Eastern points	8:45 p. m.	8:00 a. m.
San Francisco, Sacramento, Virginia and all Southern points	8:45 p. m.	8:00 a. m.
San Francisco, Sacramento, Nevada and all points north	8:45 p. m.	8:00 a. m.

Buffalo Meadows and Shoshone mail arrives every Thursday at 4:15 P. M. and close every Friday at 8:00 A. M.

T. locked pouch from Virginia and Carson arrives at 11:45 A. M.; mail for same closes at 1:30 P. M.

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A girl can obtain employment by applying to once to Mrs. C. A. Jones. aug29w1

Rooms for Rent.  
Three or four rooms centrally located; furnished comfortably with everything needed for house-keeping. Terms reasonable. Apply to MRS. A. H. LANE. aug29w1

Take Notice.  
Miss A. Motley leaves for San Francisco in five days to purchase her fall stock of millinery goods and ladies' wearing hats repaired, feathers dyed and curled, also hair work made over, will please bring them to September 1st. aug27w1

House for Rent.  
A six-room hard finished cottage, with entry and bathroom, and all modern improvements for rent at reasonable terms. Inquire at JOURNAL office. aug27w1

For Sale Cheap.  
Five acres of land, with 75 fruit bearing trees, free water, a good well, a seven-room house, outbuildings, etc. Location south side of river, Reno. For sale very cheap. Apply to T. V. Julien. aug27w1

House for Sale.  
A two-story, hard finished house of eight rooms with all modern improvements, situated in Powning's Addition. For particulars address Box 287 or inquire at this office. Aug25w1

For Sale or Rent.  
Steamboat Springs will be rented to a responsible tenant, or sold upon reasonable terms. Eighty acres, half of which is good and a first rate opportunity for right party. For particulars address James T. Davis, Mound House, Nevada. aug27w1

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A ranch with 666 acres, mostly enclosed, one mile from Carson. MRS. JOHN P. SWEENEY. Carson City. 10th

"Money Saved is Money Made."  
I will take orders for the finest suits made by Miller & Co., Chicago, from \$10 to \$40 per suit. No moth eaten or shoddy goods delivered. Perfect fit guaranteed or money refunded. Most complete ever shown in Reno. D. ROTHSCHILD. 27th Cor. Lincoln and Douglas Ave.

For Rent or Sale.  
In Reno, a large well furnished house centrally located with large garden plot and orchard under good cultivation, also barn and outbuildings, will be sold or rented at reasonable terms to right parties. Apply or address JOURNAL office. aug27w1

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For a fine meal or a cool glass of beer, best of liquors of all kinds or a good cigar call at the Washoe Lunch Counter and Saloon. A private dining room has been placed at the rear of the counter. R. H. CLARKSON, Proprietor. 10th

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## A Perplexing Problem Is at Last Solved.

The Manner of Reproduction for Hundreds of Years Unknown to Scientists—Another Question.

"For hundreds of years naturalists have been seeking in vain to find out how eels are propagated. The eel problem worried hundreds of generations, and now at last the secret is out. It has been discovered by two Italian zoologists, Prof. Grassi and his pupil, Sig. Calandruccio. In order to reach the source of this discovery we must go back to 1763. At that time the naturalist Pennant called attention to a singular little fish that was then utterly unknown, and which is still found at several points in the Atlantic ocean and especially in the Mediterranean sea. It is a little creature as transparent as glass, with a flat body and very small fins. It is almost entirely formed of a gelatinous tissue. It has no eyes and its blood is colorless. For a long time it was thought that it was a species in itself, but nobody knew where to place it in the family of creatures. In 1864 an American scientist, Mr. Gill, stated that these singular little fishes were the larvae of conger eels, and in 1866 professor of the Sorbonne, M. Yves Delage, confirmed the statement of Mr. Gill and proved by experiments that the little creature was a larva. He put one of them into an aquarium, where he witnessed its transformation into a young conger eel.

"Now the larvae in question are plentiful in Sicily, and particularly in the straits of Messina. Prof. Grassi procured a number of them and kept them for a long time in an aquarium. With Sig. Calandruccio he witnessed the metamorphosis of these larvae. They all became eels, some of them congers and others of a different species. But there was one particularly small species which attracted their attention. They watched it closely, and one day they found it transformed into a common eel. The greater portion of the larvae collected by Sig. Grassi and Calandruccio came from great depths, 500 meters at least. These larvae come to the surface by accident when torn from their retreats by the currents and the commotions so frequent in the Straits of Messina. The conclusion, therefore, is that the production of the eels is brought about very far from the surface of the sea. The larva of the eel is about seven or eight centimeters long, and the young eel, the result of the transformation, is always shorter.

"We are now, therefore, in a position to explain the enigma that baffled the world from the time of Aristotle. Reversing the habit of the salmon, the eel comes down from the rivers to reach the sea from October until January. In the deep water it undergoes important changes, according to the specimens observed by the two Italian scientists. Its eyes especially acquire dimensions that they never attain in fresh water. The color also changes. The eggs begin to float upon the surface of the sea in the month of January; but the first larvae do not make their appearance until the following spring. These larvae are found in the stomachs of fishes that are known to live in very deep water. They are developed in the sea, and it is believed that it requires at least a month before they are transformed into little eels. The reproduction in the different species is slow. It is estimated that there is an interval of two years between the descent of the adults from the sea to the sea and the return of their progeny. After remaining for a certain time in salt water the young eel seeks the estuaries, and at last takes the road to the rivers. As for the old eel, it remains in the sea, and it is the general opinion that it dies very soon after reproduction. Consequently, it never returns to the fresh water. Such, in brief, is the mystery of the eels, which Profs. Grassi and Calandruccio have elucidated. There remain now only a few details to study. It took a long time to make the discovery, but all's well that ends well.

"Henri de Parville." Now, if Profs. Grassi and Calandruccio will tell us how eels grow in lakes and duck ponds far from the sea, it might be interesting reading. It is also strange that in artificial ponds in which fish have never been placed, it takes little more than two years to find them well stocked with various members of the finny tribe, big and little, according to the nature of the soil.—N. Y. Sun.

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## Off for "Koondyko."

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Per quart bottle C Whiskey \$ 60  
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G. H. TAYLOR, Assistant Cashier

## S. J. Hodgkinson.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1897.

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## POLL TAXES AND VOTING.

An act to provide revenue for the support of the State government, approved March 9, 1885, provided for the payment of \$1 poll tax by every male resident of the State over twenty-one and under sixty years of age. Every person who shall reside in this State, or who shall be employed therein upon any public or private works, for a period of ten days shall be deemed to be a resident for the purposes of this act and liable to pay poll taxes. The Assessor was authorized to seize so much of any and every species of personal property whatsoever, claimed by any person liable to pay and refusing or neglecting to pay his poll tax, or property in the possession of or due from any other person, and belonging to such person so refusing or neglecting to pay such poll tax, as will be sufficient to pay the same and costs of seizure, which costs shall not exceed \$8, and to sell the same at any time or place, giving verbal notice of one hour previous to such sale. It was made the duty of the Poll Tax Collector to attend at all regular or special meetings of the Board of Registration, for the purpose of receiving the poll tax due from each person offering to have his name registered and who had not paid his poll tax, and the Registry Agent was prohibited from registering the name of any voter subject to poll tax, who did not produce a poll tax receipt or pay his poll tax at the time. In 1871 the clause requiring the payment of poll taxes before registration was repealed, and in 1887 the amount of poll tax was reduced from \$4 to \$3.

Though Assessors were authorized by law to summarily collect poll taxes by seizing upon any and every species of personal property whatsoever claimed by any person liable to pay and refusing or neglecting to pay his poll tax, and sell the same at any time or place, giving verbal notice of one hour previous to such sale, it has been alleged that the Assessors did not do their duty and the Legislature passed an act, which provides that the name of no person under the age of sixty years shall be registered by any registry agent until such person shall exhibit a proper receipt for the poll tax required by law for the then current year and also for the preceding year when such person shall have been an inhabitant of the State of Nevada during the last six months of the preceding year; provided, that if the applicant for registration has not paid such poll tax, or poll taxes, it shall be lawful for him to pay the same to the Registry Agent to whom he applies for registration, and receive the proper poll tax receipt therefor.

The Constitution makes it obligatory upon the Legislature to provide by law for the payment of annual poll tax of not less than two nor exceeding four dollars from each male person resident in the State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, unincorporated American Indians excepted, and leaves it discretionary with the Legislature to make such payment a condition to the right of voting. As may be observed from the laws quoted the Legislature has entertained different opinions at various times regarding the advisability of making the payment of poll taxes a condition to the right of voting. It has been charged that the Assessors neglected their duty in collecting poll taxes and that the only way to make some people contribute to the support of the State Government is to deprive them of the right of suffrage unless they pay a poll tax. That idea is now prevalent and citizens between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age must pay their poll taxes before they can get their names on the list of registered voters.

The object of re-enacting the law requiring the payment of poll taxes as a condition to voting is not clearly apparent. It was not for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the State as it prohibits political committees and candidates for any public office paying the poll tax of any voter. This may be all right from a partisan standpoint, as the persons whose poll taxes are paid by a political committee or candidate would feel under obligations to vote for the party or candidate that paid the poll tax, but so far as the State revenue is concerned it is immaterial who pays the tax so it is paid. Very many object to taxing the elective franchise for any purpose, while others contend that a voter should contribute to the support of the Government, and a majority seemed to be of that way of thinking when the law requiring voters to pay a poll tax was placed on the statutes, and, perhaps, they were right.

Late advices from Buenos Ayres are to the effect that the wheat crop in the Argentine Republic will not be more than sufficient to supply the home demand. While this is bad for the Argentine farmers it is good for the wheat growers of the United States, but why Mr. Hanna should be credited with bringing about such conditions is beyond the comprehension of anybody but a pronounced goldbug and he cannot explain what Mr. Hanna had to do with it.

DISCOURAGING reports are beginning to come from the Klondike country. It is no time to start for there now.

## TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Mrs. Thomas Cook and her nine-year-old son were struck and instantly killed by a Santa Fe train east of Grand Junction, Kansas, on Monday evening while crossing a bridge.

The Spanish Government is formulating a plan to banish anarchists from Spain. Anarchists will no longer be allowed to land in Spain, and it is proposed to deport some to the American Republic or a distant Spanish possession.

A vault in the Oak Hill Cemetery at San Jose, owned by the Gribner family, was broken into Monday night and the coffin containing the remains of Mrs. Dr. Spranger torn open and the body exposed, but not disturbed. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

Alice Winstone and Carrie Arnold, aged respectively three and four years, of Fort Wingate, New Mexico, while playing with matches set fire to a can of coal oil, causing it to explode. The first was burned into an unrecognizable mass and the second so badly burned as to probably cause her death.

The Pennsylvania Democrats met in State convention yesterday at Reading. A wild scene of enthusiasm followed the mention of W. J. Bryan's name by State Chairman Garman. William F. Harriy's seat in the National Committee was declared vacant, and upon the appointment of the usual committees the convention took a recess.

The Spanish troops defeated an insurgent force in the province of Santiago de Cuba, Havana. A Spanish column of 1,200 men surprised the insurgents in the night and they fled in disorder. The loss of the insurgents was sixty men and many wounded. The Spanish lost fourteen and thirty-six wounded. General Linerares was killed, and the insurgent General Estrada is badly wounded.

## An Extensive Business for Sale.

On account of various matters in which he is interested demanding so much of his attention, R. H. Cowles finds that he cannot devote the proper amount of time to his Grocery Business at Wadsworth and hereby announces he will sell the building at Wadsworth in which is located his General Merchandise Store, the lot on which it stands, a large fire-proof cellar, the stock of goods on hand, the good will, etc. The goods are all fresh, nothing shop worn. The business is a prosperous one and the only reason for selling is to enable Mr. Cowles to give all of his time to other industries in which he is engaged. Wadsworth is the best business town in Nevada to-day and this opening offers a splendid opportunity for some good man to locate in Wadsworth. Call on R. H. Cowles at his store. aug26mol

## Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining uncolled for in the Reno, Nevada, postoffice for the week ending August 31, 1897:

## GENTLEMEN.

Anderson, A B Anderson, Wm  
Bathwell, Frank Oronou, John B  
Davis, Chas C Domonik, Tom  
Espinoza, Felipe George, Manuel  
Heaney, John Hall, Joseph W  
Leaky, Bob Miller, Jim  
Milleap, Ben Moran, Michael  
Van Schorack, Dr F Schley, R L  
Stone, J E Thompson, E J  
Wilburn, Mr

## LADIES.

Harvey, Mrs Jas Mills, Mrs D  
Norton, Mrs M Willor, Mrs A

## FOREIGN.

Bushes, John

H. J. BERRY, Postmaster.

## A Peculiar Case.

The illness of the late Mrs. B. Y. Clements of Silver City, who died at Silver City last Saturday, presented a peculiar case. While Mrs. Clements' ailment was diagnosed by her physician as cancer of the stomach, the immediate cause of her death was starvation produced by an almost utter lack of nourishment.

For 42 days preceding her death the lady ate nothing and her body dwindled to the condition of a skeleton. She craved no food and was unable to assimilate what little nourishment was given to her by her physicians. Her lack of power to take nutriment made her death inevitable. She had been ill for about four years and had been treated at home and in San Francisco for her ailment.—Virginia Chronicle.

## State Funds.

The official count of State funds shows that there is in the State Treasury: Coin, \$77,393 48; paid coin vouchers not returned to the Controller, \$57,211 96; total, \$134,605 44. The securities in the State School Fund are: Irredeemable State bond, \$380,000; Nevada State bonds, \$275,361 20; United States bonds, \$640,000; total, \$1,429,969 64, coin and bonds.

## For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children when teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth send at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the gums, reduces Inflammation and gives Tone and Energy to the whole system. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

Francisco Coronado, an old Mexican well known in Western Nevada, died at Carson on Monday night, aged 77 years.

## CLEARANCE SALE



All goods on hand on August 1st at the following prices:

Ladies' Button or Lace Boots, Vice Kid, Patent Tip, Pointed Toe..... \$1.50 to 2.50  
Ladies' Oxfords, any color..... \$1.25 to 2.00  
Misses' Button Boots, Kid, 11-2..... \$1.50 to 2.00  
Children's Shoes, 8-10½..... \$1.00 to 1.25



## Don't Forget

To take a look at our stock of shirts before you go away. We have a large stock of white and colored bosom shirts to select from. All the newest Patterns. The prices will please you.

## CANADA IN WAR.

A Canadian Says England Should Make a Naval Harbor in Hudson Bay.

The recent talk of the possibility of war between the United States and Japan has caused considerable speculation here on war in general, and there has been some discussion as to what means should be taken for Canada's defense in the case of war. A Canadian writing to the press on the matter says:

"The question arises in connection with this subject, to what extent can the imperial government aid the people of Canada in time of war with our closest neighbors, should such a calamity happen? A glance at the map shows that so far as Ontario is concerned, which is the keystone of the dominion, no defense from that source is possible at present. The mightiest fleet that England might dispatch could get no nearer than Montreal, and the idea of sending effective gunboats by way of the canals would hardly be entertained. "But there is a point at which Ontario might be reinforced with tremendous advantage, and that is upon the northern coast bordering on Hudson bay. Were a harbor provided at that point to which naval ships could find access, and railroad communication from the same connected with the general system of railways in the dominion, a route would be established which at the proper season of the year might enable the British navy to rendezvous at the very center of the continent, and troops and munitions of war could be dispatched thence with great rapidity and efficiency to every province east of the Rocky mountains and west of Quebec.

"Central Canada can be reached and protected by an adequate naval force in no other way, and it is well worthy of the consideration of the imperial and the dominion governments whether a naval depot should not be provided on the southeast of Ontario within the near future. A study of the map of Canada will show this as a pertinent suggestion. The government of Ontario will evidently be justified in calling the attention of the imperial authorities to this aspect of the case."—N. Y. Sun.

## THE GLORIOUS REDWOOD.

Grandeur of the Forest Kings of the Pacific Coast.

The redwood is the glory of the Coast range. It extends along the western slope, in a nearly continuous belt ten miles wide, from beyond the Oregon boundary to the south of Santa Cruz, a distance of nearly 400 miles, and in massive, sustained grandeur and closeness of growth surpasses all the other timber woods of the world. Trees from 10 to 15 feet in diameter and 300 feet high are not uncommon, and a few attain a height of 350 feet, or even 400, with a diameter at the base of 15 to 20 feet or more, while the ground beneath them is a garden of fresh, exuberant ferns, lilies, gaultheria and rhododendron.

As timber the redwood is too good to live. The largest sawmills ever built are busy along its seaward border. "With all the modern improvements," but so immense is the yield per acre it will be long ere the supply is exhausted. The big tree is also to some extent being made into lumber. Though less abundant, it is, fortunately, less accessible, extending along the western flank of the Sierra in a partially interrupted belt about 250 miles long, at a height of from 4,000 to 8,000 feet above the sea. The enormous logs, too heavy to handle, are blasted into manageable dimensions with gunpowder. A large portion of the best timber is thus shattered and destroyed, and, with the huge knotty tops, is left in ruins for tremendous fires that kill every tree within their range, great and small.—John Muir, in Atlantic.

## HISTORY OF IVORY.

It Dates Back to the Age of Hieroglyphics.

The earliest recorded history—we might say prehistoric, the hieroglyphical—that has come down to us has been in carvings on ivory and bone. Long before metallurgy was known among the prehistoric races, carvings on reindeer horn and mammoth tusk,

evidence of the antiquity of the art. Fragments of horn and ivory, engraved with excellent pictures of animals, have been found in caves and beds of rivers and lakes. There are specimens in the British museum, also in the Louvre, of the Egyptian skill in ivory carving, attributed to the age of Moses. In the latter collection are chairs or seats of the sixteenth century B. C. inlaid with ivory, and other pieces of the eleventh century B. C. We have already referred to the Nineveh ivories. Carving of the "precious substance" was extensively carried on at Constantinople during the middle ages. Combs, caskets, horns, boxes, etc., of carved ivory and bone, often set in precious stones, of the old Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods, are frequently found in tombs. Crucifixes and images of the Virgin and saints made in that age are often graceful and beautiful. The Chinese and Japanese are rival artists now in their peculiar minutiae and detail.—N. B. Nelson, in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

## One of the Nearest Stars.

There are very few stars whose distance is even approximately known to astronomers. Moreover, the different estimates of the distances of the few vary by large amounts. The nearest known star is "Alpha," in the constellation of Centaur, not visible from the northern lands of the earth, and one of the next nearest is a little star in the northern constellation Cygnus, called "61 Cygni." The latest determination of the parallel of this star by Mr. H. S. Davis, of New York, makes its distance fifty-three millions of millions of miles. This is about eighteen millions of millions of miles less than the distance derived from Prof. Hall's measurement some ten years ago.—Youth's Companion.

## Pushing the Panama Canal.

"The Panama canal project is being pushed with considerable energy, and it looks as though there were good reasons for the faith of the men who have charge of it that the work will be carried to completion," said Victor Vifquain, United States consul-general at Panama, recently. "There are about 5,000 laborers employed on it, the majority of whom are Jamaica negroes. On the Pacific side a splendid wharf is being constructed at a cost of \$1,000,000. About one-fourth of the canal is completed, and it has been demonstrated that the entire work can be finished at a very reasonable expenditure. The company, it is said, has funds enough to continue work for two years more. My own belief is that its ultimate completion is a certainty."—Detroit Free Press.

## Mosquitoes in Hartford.

Hartford also has a plague of ferocious mosquitoes. They have stopped baseball games, and street car conductors and motormen travel with heads swathed in handkerchiefs. The visitation, which follows very heavy rains through July, is the worst of the kind ever known in the city.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## The Telephone on Canals.

An important development in telephone work is proposed for the connection of the five lakes and reservoirs in the Adirondacks, which feed the Erie and Black River canals. Communication with these has often consumed two or three days and required journeys on foot through miles of forest. The suggested telephone systems will put and keep each section superintendent in instant communication with each of his lock tenders, patrolmen, bank, watch and state scouts; also, with each assistant superintendent of public works, and with the main office of the department at Albany. When completed it will become a long-distance telephone system for the transaction of business relating to the canals, and solely operated for that purpose by the canal officials. On the rapidly and promptitude with which information of leaks, breaks or other threatened disaster is communicated to the proper canal official and the repair forces concentrated for repairs, depends the magnitude of the incidental destruction.—Philadelphia Press.

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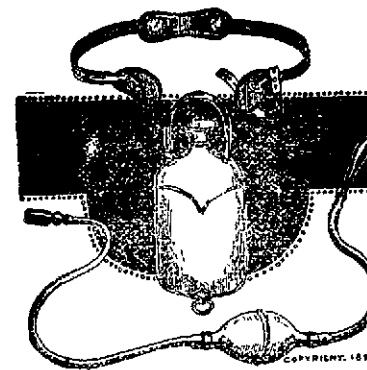
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